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ABM SPECIAL STUDY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Held February 9, 1968
Central Intelligence Agency
Room 6E 0708, Langley
1000-1200 hours

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Chairman

NIPE

Attendance

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Dr. William Wollenberg
Mr. Clifford I. Cummings

OSD(SA)

DDR&E

CIA

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Mr. Frank Perez

State Department

NSA

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Colonel Thomas Haig

DIA, OSD and DOS review(s) completed.

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1. Most of the meeting was spent in going over [redacted] latest redraft of the Terms of Reference. A new version was agreed upon after point-by-point discussions. This latest Terms of Reference will be mailed out to the members for concurrence prior to trying it out on Mr. Fischer, BoB.

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2. [redacted] distributed copies of an NSA version of the Terms of Reference for the Group's perusal.

3. Mr. Cummings wanted to know for whom the ABM Study was being done. He felt that this knowledge could affect the directions taken by the study. [redacted] stated that, in his view, the study is to aid decision-makers in allocating collection resources and he believes that there may be many who will eventually use the study results. BoB apparently felt that the time was right for a thorough analysis of ABM collectors to be undertaken; thus, they made the study request for the community.

4. Some discussion was given to the time frame involved in the present study. It was noted that the FY 1970 budget will be the first budget that can be affected by the outcome of the study. Since BoB tends to think in terms of five year planning, it was suggested that the ABM Study be thought of as initially covering FY 1970 to FY 1975.

5. Mr. Perez handed out the State Department's first ABM breakdown chart complete with tentative values assigned to observables. It was noted that different values for observables could be assigned depending on the ground rules established. For example, one could list different values under the following two different assumptions:

a. Assume that no intelligence whatever is presently possessed on Soviet ABM and the values assigned to observables reflect their total worth in learning about ABM.

b. Or, assume that certain pieces of intelligence are already possessed on Soviet ABM and assign observable values to take into account both the worth of observables in satisfying the ABM problem and the knowledge already available on Soviet ABM.

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6. [redacted] will ask his group to fill in values on GMAIC's ABM breakdown chart.

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7. The next meeting of the ABM Special Study Group is set for 1 March 1968 at 10:30 a.m.

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Executive Secretary

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